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COVID-19 Update #7: Alert Level 3 Step 2 & Vaccination Register (eligible students)

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Kia ora, Mālō ē lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orāna, Kamusta, Salam

You will have heard the Government's announcement yesterday afternoon regarding Schools opening Wednesday 17 November.

We're delighted to welcome tamariki back **onsite under Alert Level 3 from next Wednesday 17 November.**

We know learning kanohi ki te kanohi is the best option for children and young people. It's important for them to connect with their friends and teachers and it helps their social, physical and emotional wellbeing.

We may need to manage the numbers of students attending each day to keep everyone safe.

Health & Safety Measures

Even with the Delta variant, the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools is low because of all the public health measures we'll have in place. **What this will look like:**

- we may need to **limit** the number of tamariki and staff **onsite each day**
- we'll keep those onsite in **separate groups**
- we'll ensure our **classrooms** are **well ventilated**
- we'll continue to practise **physical distancing where possible**
- **all staff and children in Years 4 and above must wear face coverings indoors (unless they have an exemption)**
- we'll ensure **all staff (and external contractors) who are onsite are fully vaccinated and return a negative test**
- those who have had at least **one dose of the vaccine will return a negative weekly test**

What you can do to help whānau, for our tamariki and everyone's safety:

- stay at home if you or your child is sick or feeling unwell (this includes any staff too)
- parents are **not allowed onsite**; please **drop off** students on Tripoli Rd or Benghazi Rd. **No entry** through the School's Alamein Rd big green gate and **no parking onsite** or in the staff car park
- **avoid meeting up** with other parents, children and whānau at our School gates, pathways and road parking areas
- **wear a face covering and maintain a 2-metre distance** from people not in your household Bubble
- **1 parent at a time** can come into the School office. **You must scan the COVID App sign on the front door with your phone or sign in on our VisTab register. You must wear a mask.**
- get advice from your Doctor if you or your child has complex medical needs (and please get in touch so that we can support your child to return onsite, wherever possible)
- at Alert Level 3, avoid having children from other whānau meet up with your child(ren) inside

Before returning to School Wednesday 17 November

How we'll work with you to plan our arrangements:

- *Mrs Sharma (DP) and Mrs Sharon Williamson (Office Manager) have been contacting parents/whānau this week as we need to confirm your intentions around your tamariki returning to School. Thank you parents/whānau*
- *Your teacher may also contact you over the next couple of days to confirm your intentions and/or answer questions about onsite or distance learning*
- *We can then put the confirmed organisation on our School Website and School Facebook page, over the weekend*
- *Please then read the specific information about how we need to organise separate groups, possibly on separate days; stagger different arrival times and home times for different groups of tamariki*
- *We encourage you to please talk with your tamariki about our safety plans and why this is happening. For safety reasons, School will be different*

Onsite learning and Distance Learning

- We'll continue to support learning from home for those tamariki who won't be attending onsite. However, this may look different from what is happening now, and we need to be cognisant of teachers and LAs undertaking face-to-face **and** a distance learning programme
- If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Office, your child's teacher or me by phone or email

School Vaccination register for eligible students over the age of 12 years

- As shared in our COVID #6 Update, all registered schools that enrol students over the age of 12 years are required to maintain an up-to-date register with the COVID-19 vaccination status of these (eligible) students
- Please read the **Privacy Statement** provided to all schools from the Ministry of Education **on the next page**. We welcome any queries.

In the event eligible students have been vaccinated, evidence could include please:

- a letter from your child's GP (on their Practice letterhead)
- a vaccination certificate (which can be requested from the Ministry of Health)

If your child has been vaccinated, can you please provide a copy to Mrs Sharon Williamson in the Office or email swilliamson@tamakiprimary.school.nz This information is confidential, and access can only be authorised by me the Principal.

Thank you parents and whānau 🌞 Fa'afetai tele lava, stay safe 🙏

Dr Johnston
Principal | Tumuaki
EdD, MEd, BEd, DipTchg
EMCC Senior Practitioner



Privacy Statement: Vaccination Register (Eligible Students)

Purpose

The purpose of this privacy statement is to inform you about how we will collect, store, use and share your personal information for the purposes of our Eligible Student Vaccination Register.

Why are we collecting your personal information?

On 28 October 2021, The Secretary for Education issued a Direction under the Education and Training Act 2020 Schedule 25, clause 3 that requires all registered schools who enrol students over the age of 12 years, to maintain an up-to-date register with the COVID-19 vaccination status of these (eligible) students, starting from 1 November 2021.

How we will use your personal information?

Your vaccination status information will enable us to know the vaccination status of all eligible students to ensure we are complying with the Direction, and in the case of an outbreak, respond accordingly.

What personal information will be collected?

We will be collecting the following personal information:

- Full Name
- National Student Number (NSN)
- Date of Birth
- Year Level
- Contact details (email, phone)
- Caregiver Contact details (name, phone number)
- Vaccination status
 - Partially vaccinated (Date of Dose 1)
 - Fully vaccinated (Date of Dose 2)
 - Medical Exemption granted (Date of Exemption)
 - Expiry date of medical exemption
 - Unvaccinated (Date of disclosure)
 - No Information Provided (Date of No Information Provided/Disclosed)
 - Vaccination Status Unknown

Where no information is provided your record in the Vaccine Register will note that no information has been provided.

How will we collect your personal information?

We will collect your personal information directly from you (or your parent/caregiver where appropriate).

How will we keep your personal information safe?

It is important that we keep your vaccination information safe and secure. We maintain a secure environment for the protection of all personal information we hold and use appropriate security safeguards to protect information from loss, unauthorised access, use, or disclosure.

Only authorised staff will have access to the Vaccination Register, and access to the information in the Vaccination Register will only be for authorised purposes.

Sharing of your personal information

We will not share your personal information unless we are required or authorised to do so by law.

In the situation of an outbreak, we may share your personal information with a Public Health Authority for the purposes of planning and implementing appropriate public health responses. Where possible we will only disclose aggregate level information.

We may disclose aggregate level information to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education to assist those agencies monitor and plan covid 19 responses. You will not be identified in any disclosure of information to these agencies.

How long will we keep your personal information?

We will not keep your information for longer than is required for the purposes stated above.

Your rights under the Privacy Act 2020

Under the Privacy Act, you have the right to request a copy of, and correction to, any personal information held by us. You can do this by emailing **Principal Dr Deanna Johnston: djohnston@tamakiprimary.school.nz** or calling the Principal **(09) 527 6325 extn 702.**